

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
**WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT**  
VIRGINIA EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION

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**FIELD GUIDANCE MEMORANDUM #03-06**

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**TO:** LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS

**FROM:** WIA DIVISION

**SUBJECT:** 2003 POVERTY AND 70% LOWER LIVING STANDARD INCOME LEVELS

**DATE:** JULY 1, 2003 (**EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2004**)

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In Section 101 (25)(B), the definition of LOW- INDIVIDUAL- is defined as an individual, who:

(B) received an income, or is a member of a family that received a total family income, for the 6-month period prior to application for the program involved (exclusive of unemployment compensation, child support payments, payments described in subparagraph (A), and old-age and survivors insurance benefits received under section 202 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402)) that, in relation to family size, does not exceed the higher of--

- (i) the poverty line, for an equivalent period; or
- (ii) 70 percent of the lower living standard income level, for an equivalent period.

The following guidelines are to be used in determining low-income eligibility. Poverty Guidelines are to be used for the "poverty line." The 70% Lower Living Standard Income Level appropriate to the applicant's place of residence should be used to determine eligibility.

<b>2003 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia</b>	
<b><u>Size of Family Unit</u></b>	<b><u>Poverty Guideline</u></b>
<b>1</b>	<b>\$8,980</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>12,120</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>15,260</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>18,400</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>21,540</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>24,680</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>27,820</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>30,960</b>

For family units with more than **8** members, add **\$3,140** for each additional member.

***Federal Register:*** February 7, 2003 (Volume 68, Number 26); ***DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES;*** ***Subject:*** Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines

70% Lower Living Standard Income Level Metro Level – <i>SOUTH</i> Region	
<u>Size of Family Unit</u>	<u>70% LLSIL</u>
<b>1</b>	<b>(\$6,960)</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>(11,400)</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>15,650</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>19,310</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>22,790</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>26,650</b>

For each family member above **6** add **\$3,860**. The above standards apply to all Local Workforce Investment Areas *except*:

Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Area  
Alexandria/Arlington Workforce Investment Area

And the following jurisdictions:

Clarke County (Northern Shenandoah Valley)  
Culpeper County (Workforce Today!)  
Fauquier County (Workforce Today!)  
King George County (Bay Consortium)  
Spotsylvania County (Bay Consortium)  
Stafford County (Bay Consortium)  
Warren County (Northern Shenandoah Valley)  
Fredericksburg City (Bay Consortium)

*Reference: **Federal Register**, May 30, 2003 (Volume 68, Number 104); Workforce Investment Act; Lower Living Standard Income Level.*

70% Lower Living Standard Income Level Non-Metro-Level – <i>SOUTH</i> Region	
<u>Size of Family Unit</u>	<u>70% LLSIL</u>
<b>1</b>	<b>(\$6,580)</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>(10,780)</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>(14,800)</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>(18,270)</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>21,560</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>25,220</b>

For each family member above **6** add **\$3,660**. The above standards apply to all Local Workforce Investment Areas *except*:

Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Area  
Alexandria/Arlington Workforce Investment Area

And the following jurisdictions:

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Culpeper County (Workforce Today!)  
Fauquier County (Workforce Today!)  
King George County (Bay Consortium)  
Spotsylvania County (Bay Consortium)  
Stafford County (Bay Consortium)  
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*Reference: **Federal Register**, May 30, 2003 (Volume 68, Number 104); Workforce Investment Act; Lower Living Standard Income Level.*

<b>70% Lower Living Standard Income Level Washington-Baltimore, DC/MD/VA/WV</b>	
<b><u>Size of Family Unit</u></b>	<b><u>70% LLSIL</u></b>
<b>1</b>	<b>(\$8,480)</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>13,890</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>19,060</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>23,530</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>27,770</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>32,480</b>

For each family member above **6** add **\$4,710**. The above standards apply to the following Local Workforce Investment Areas:

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Alexandria/Arlington Workforce Investment Area

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